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Deena Sheppard-Johnson Enforcement Specialist US EPA Region 5 Remedial Enforcement Support Section, SR-6J 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Re: The Chemical Recovery Systems Site, Elyria, Ohio

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of June 26, 2001. Dow Corning Corporation is willing to participate in future negotiations at the Chemical Recovery Systems Site in Elyria, Ohio to the extent allowed under our Chapter 11 proceedings.

Dow Corning filed for Chapter 11 protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on May 15, 1995. Our Plan of Reorganization (POR) is not yet final. Because any liability for environmental releases from this Site would be grounded on alleged activities of Dow Corning prior to the filing date, any claim for damages would need to be filed as a claim in the Chapter 11 case.

Based on the information you have provided to date, Dow Corning may be considered a de minimis PRP. If you have additional information about our involvement at the site, please do not hesitate to contact me at (989) 496-4019.

Please change your contact information so that future correspondence is sent directly to my attention. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Barbara H. Rather Managing Counsel

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